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Bill Number: S. 0016 Signed by Governor on March 24, 2020

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Subject: Emergency Prescription Refills

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Impact Date: November 20, 2020

Fiscal Impact Summary

This bill increases the amount of medication that a pharmacist may dispense as part of an emergency refill. This bill will have no expenditure impact on the Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation (LLR) because it does not materially alter the oversight or regulatory duties of the agency or the Board of Pharmacy.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

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This bill increases the amount of prescription medication that a pharmacist may dispense as part of an emergency refill to a 14 day supply. If a pharmacist is unable to dispense an emergency refill for a 14 day supply or less due to the medication's packaging, the pharmacist is permitted to dispense up to a 30 day supply of the medication. Previously, a pharmacist could dispense an emergency refill for up to a 10 day supply of the prescribed medication. Pharmacists are licensed and monitored by the Board of Pharmacy, which is under the regulation of LLR. LLR indicates that this bill does not create additional responsibilities for the board. Therefore, this bill will have no expenditure impact on LLR.

State Revenue

N/A

Local Expenditure

N/A

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N/A

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